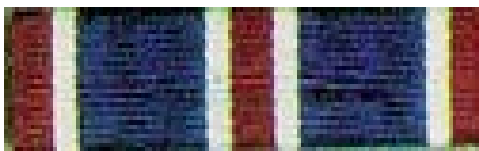


48th FW earns outstanding unit award

Air Force officials have announced the 48th Fighter Wing has been awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, and military members assigned here for at least one day from July 1, 1994 to June 30, 1996, are authorized to wear the medal.

The citation accompanying the award reads:

"The 48th Fighter Wing, United States Air Forces in Europe, distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious service from 1 July 1994 to 30 June 1996. During this period, the 48th Fighter Wing was on the forefront of military units in the accomplishment of na-



tional objectives: continuous and extended employment of forces for real-world combat missions in Operations Deny Flight, Provide Comfort, and Support Hope; promotion of stability by providing long-term and widespread American presence abroad; and training for future combat. A strong, combined team in medical, logistics, operations and support groups provided a powerful back-

drop to achieve these national objectives. Across the board, Liberty Wing warriors performed magnificently in a high-paced, challenging environment, producing outstanding mission results in sorties flown, maintenance and supply, base support, medical, chapel, safety, and a host of other programs. The distinctive accomplishments of the members of the 48th Fighter Wing reflect credit upon themselves and the United States Air Force."

Wing members should check with unit orderly rooms prior to wearing the ribbon to ensure records have been updated.

Housing helps with home improvements

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The self-help store and military family housing office have created new programs to help housing occupants receive needed supplies and be recognized for outstanding gardens and yards.

The self-help store offers garden sheds and fencing to people who live in Lakenheath assigned housing. Occupants must sign up by 5:30 p.m. April 25 at the store in Bldg. 1107 to be eligible for the May 1 draw.

Only a limited quantity of sheds and fencing is available. E-1s through E-5s will receive 60 percent of the sheds and fences; E-6s through E-9s will receive 28 percent and O-1s through O-6s will receive 12 percent. People are limited to one shed and fence per selected occupant.

The military family housing office has organized a garden of the month and year program to reward people who have worked to improve the appearance of government quarters and neighborhoods.

This year, the program is divided into three areas. The first area includes all the housing directly on and off RAF Lakenheath. The second area includes RAFs Newmarket, Feltwell, Oakington, Waterbeach, Shepherd's Grove and Ely hous-

ing. The third area is all leased housing, including Anglo and Newmarket/Soham. People who reside in any area where maintenance responsibilities are held by the 48th Civil Engineer Squadron are part of this program.

"Each month until Oct. 31, housing inspectors will nominate a garden in each area which is superior in appearance or which has reflected a tremendous rise in standard," said Andre Morris, garden manager.

From the nominations, one garden will be chosen and offered various incentive awards. These awards include one ceiling fan, a brick walkway, gift certificates from AAFES, new light fixtures, new window blinds and new appliances from furnishings management.

"This program is important because it lifts the general standards of all the houses in the area," said Mike Smith, housing facility manager. "The quality of gardens goes up with each competition."

To help people improve their gardens, the base self-help store is open from 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Saturdays. The store offers "how-to" books, grass seed and lawn weed killer, garden tools and wheelbarrows on loan, patio slabs and seasonal bedding plants.

For more information, call Ext. 2577.



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Talented youth

Tiffany Drysdale sings *Via Dolarosa* during the USAFE Youth Talent Contest April 11 at the Lakenheath High School auditorium. Tiffany captured first place in the female vocalist category.